









**VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.**

## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.  
M. M. steamer *Arca*, with the next French  
at Saigon at noon, on the 5th, and is  
on the 9th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
O. & O. steamer *Gaelic*, with the next  
on mail, will leave Yokohama on the 8th,  
due here on or about the 13th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.  
O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Antenor* left Sin-  
on the afternoon of the 31st March, and  
here on the 8th April.

steamer *Glenfruin*, from London, here  
ore on 3rd and may be locked for here on  
t the 9th instant.

N. steamer *Camoria* left Batavia for  
ort via Saigon on the 1st, and may be  
d here on or about the 16th instant.

steamer *Nelson* left Sydney on the 3rd  
and is due here on or about the 1st May.

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**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

The authorized List of Mails issued in

**A MAIL WILL CLOSE**  
**Hoikow and Haifong**—Per Saltee, to-day,  
 instant, at 7.30 A.M.  
**Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui, and Tientsin**.  
**China**, to-day, the 7th inst., at 5.00 P.M.  
**Swatow, Amoy, and Hongkong**—Per  
 to-day, the 7th inst., at 5.00 P.M.  
**Saigon**—Per *Catharina II.*, to-morrow,  
 instant, at 9.00 A.M.  
**Swatow**—Per *Thales*, on Monday,  
 instant, at 11.30 A.M.

on Monday, the 9th instant, at 5.00 P.M.  
Straita and Bombay.—For *Zimbarady*, on  
Sunday, the 10th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
Nagasaki and Koba.—For *Sumida Maru*,  
Friday, the 13th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

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**NOTICES FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT  
MAILS.**

**THE ENGLISH MAIL.**

The following hours are observed in closing  
&c., by the British Contract Packet:—

*Day of Departure.*

—Money Order Office closes.

P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Post-  
office hours on the last and return days ceases.

.x.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
 .x.—Letters may be posted with late fee  
 of 10 cents until  
 .x.—when the Post Office closes entirely.  
 .x.—Late Letters may be posted on board  
 the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until  
 time of departure.

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**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
*Day before Departure.*  
 .x.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office  
 closes, except the night box, which is always  
 in out of office hours.

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**Day of Departure.**

Post Office opens.  
 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of  
 printed matter and patterns ceases.  
 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.  
 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee  
 10 cents until  
 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.  
 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board  
 packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until  
 6 o'clock of departure.

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MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET  
 A French Contract Packet "SINDH"

to be despatched on FRIDAY, the 10th inst., with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, viz: Naples; to London, Switz Settlements, Patavia, Burnah, India (Rt Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. A usual hours will be observed in closing Mails, &c.

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**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES  
PACKET**

A United States Mail Packet "CITY OF  
IO," will be despatched on FRIDAY,  
10th inst., with Mails for Japan, Hong-  
Kong, San Francisco, the United States, Canada,  
&c. which will be closed as follows:—

3—This Packet carries no mails for the  
Malayan Colonies.

**MONEY LETTERS.**  
Public attention is called to the following notice from the Hongkong Postal Guide, paragraph 60:—  
“The Post Office disclaims all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes and where Registration has been neglected, MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters.”  
Boxes of letters are sometimes received at the Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is closed with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

of carefully sealing such boxes with recognisable seal, and of sending a receipt with them. The omission of either precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Office; the omission of the former, as to their part of them might not have been adhered to for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

Responsibility can be accepted by the Post Office for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries, notes addressed to subordinate officers. The Post Office is told off to sell stamps should especially be regarded as able to give correct information.

The Postal Guide alone is the standard on points on which such information may be

**RATES OF POSTAGE.**

10 Cents	10 Cents
Cards, each	3 Cents
ss., Patterns, and Commercial	9 Cents
Papers, per 2 os.	2 Cents
papers & Prices Current, each	10 Cents
Illustration	15 Cents
Do. with return receipt	
Commercial papers, viz. such papers as, written by hand, do not bear the character of actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge same as for Books, but all packets of and 4 os. weight are charged 5 Cents.	

**TEA MUSTERS.**  
Persons who send Musters of Tea through Post in Tins are requested to have them flat or square instead of round, as it is liable to pack round tins securely in the mail. It is believed that the tea will travel safely in flat tins, which are not so liable and ones to be bulky in.

or 3 by 14 inches is suggested as a good size. The tins should not have sharp corners.

**LOCAL AND INDIAN PARCEL POST.**  
Small Parcelage is sent by Postal Receipt between Hongkong and any of the British Colonies in China, as well as to Japan, Malacca,

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31.98	2.09
32.53	1.55
31.21	1.87

\$1.81 to 1.83	
\$1.81 to 7.30	
1.82 to 1.65	
1.83 to 14.70	
2.00 to 3.00	
2.00 to 2.40	
\$1.95 to 1.96	
\$1.93 to 1.93	
\$1.92 to 1.93	
\$1.92 to 1.93	
\$1.87 to 1.93	
\$1.87 to 1.60	
\$1.75 to 1.76	
\$1.71 to 1.72	
\$2.10 to 2.70	
\$5.95 to 6.25	
\$1.95 to 2.10	
\$2.35 to 2.40	
\$3.85 to 3.95	
2.45 to 9.55	
\$35.00 to \$0.00	
\$27.00 to \$9.00	
\$11.50 to 13.00	
\$5.00 to 6.50	
\$4.15 to 4.25	
\$21.70 to 22.00	
\$13.50 to 13.90	

\$4.35 to 4.65	
\$4.30 to 4.85	
\$3.10 to 2.55	
\$1.45 to 1.65	
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\$7.50 to 8.05	
\$6.75 to 6.95	
\$4.35 to 4.85	
\$3.90 to 4.05	
\$9.05 to 9.70	
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\$1.65 to 1.75	

London  
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Montreal  
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N.Y. or B'ton  
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Cruising  
Batikong  
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**WHERE AT.**

Chefoo  
Saigon  
Kobe  
Singapore  
Hongkong  
Amoy  
Yokohama  
Nagasaki  
Vladivostok  
Crimson  
Canton  
Hankow  
Hongkong  
Seigon  
Swatow  
Japan  
Chefoo  
Kobe  
Seigon  
Hongkong  
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**STATION.**

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A. H. Waparra	Mar.	16	Western	Amer. ship	110	Russell & Co
James B. Stone	Mar.	16	Korea	Brit. ship	859	Nils Moller
Koira	Feb.	11	Korea	Ger. ship	530	Russell & Co
Koira	Oct.	25	Lone Rang	Amer. ship	532	J. W. Muller & Co
M. Wankiemar	Mar.	24	Tibet	Amr. sh.	533	Chapman, King & Co
Paili	Mar.	7	Hawaii	Amer. sh.	591	Max. Slevogt
Iona, Madre	Feb.	22	Ottawa	Ital. ship	511	Sjomsen & Co
Stout	Mar.	26	Honolulu	Nor. sh.	591	Sjomsen & Co
Tyburnia	Feb.	8	Chalmers	Brit. sh.	845	W. Hewitt & Co
W. Siegfried	Mar.	5	Hansen	Brit. sh.	599	Nils Moller

CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.									
	NAME.	FLAG AND REG.	GUNS TONS H.P.			COMMANDER.	STATION.		
			7	250	75				
An-lan	Viceroy's gunboat		2	30	20	—	Hongkong		
Choo-hing	Revenue cruiser		3	39	17	—	Hongkong		
Chi-shai-jui	Viceroy's gunboat		3	250	75	J. Stewart	Hongkong		
Chi-shai-jui	Viceroy's gunboat		4	180	60	J. Beasard	Hongkong		
Ching-wei	Viceroy's gunboat		—	—	—	—	Hongkong		
Chop-sai	Viceroy's gunboat		—	—	—	—	Hongkong		
Hai-cheng-ching	Viceroy's gunboat		—	—	—	—	Hongkong		
Hak-kung-ching	Viceroy's gunboat		—	—	—	—	Canton		
Hoi-tung-lung	Viceroy's gunboat		4	533	125	Loang Yin Ting	Hongkong		
Pong-shai-lai	Revenue cruiser		4	120	40	Chow Shai	Hongkong		
Quang-on	Viceroy's gunboat		4	120	40	Ching-shie Lin	Hongkong		
San Hang	Viceroy's gunboat		2	100	40	Chinese Admiral	Bogue Forts		
Amoy	Viceroy's gunboat		2	100	40	Ching	Bogue Forts		
Tehing-po	Viceroy's gunboat		2	100	40	Ching	Bogue Forts		

IN PORT ON 24TH MARCH, 1885.						
A'ishima Maru	Mar.	21	Orighton	Jap. sch.	890	M. B. M. Co
Bahari	Mar.	23	Egypt	Brit. sh.	339	Holme, Ranger & Co
Charon Queen	Mar.	10	Lachue	Brit. sh.	609	Order
Emma	Mar.	18	Mikolsien	Ger. sch.	220	Order
Kozaki Maru	Mar.	10	Christensen	Dan. sh.	400	M. B. M. Co
Queen of India	Mar.	17	Lachue	Brit. sh.	609	M. B. M. Co
Souma Maru	Feb.	25	Siegelshai	Jap. sh.	925	M. B. M. Co

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